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(MENFZ) PROPOSAL

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1. U.S. REP TO CCD MARTIN DISCUSSED IRANIAN MENFZ PROPOSAL WITH IRANIAN PERM REP HOVEYDA, DRAWING ON REFTELS. HOVEYDA SAID SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHANGES WERE BEING MADE IN DRAFT IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE NEEDS OF ARAB STATES. ARABS WISHED AMONG OTHER THINGS REFERENCE TO DESIRABILITY OF ADHERENCE BY STATES IN AREA TO NPT. HOVEYDA PROMISED TO GIVE US REVISED DRAFT FOR COMMENT AS SOON AS IT IS READY. IN ANSWER TO MARTIN'S QUESTIONS, HOVEYDA SAID TURKEY AND THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA WOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE INCLUDED IN ZONE, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO IMPOICATION IN THE REVISED DRAFT OF PERMISSION FOR INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OF A PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY. HE FURTHER INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT TRANSIT RIGHTS.

2. MARTIN ELABORATED ON OUR PROBLEMS WITH PARA (3) OF DRAFT RES. IN RESPONSE TO THIS POINT, IRANIANMISOFF BAYANDOR LATER SHOWED US FOLLOWING REVISION OF PARA
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(3) WHICH HE SAID IRAN WOULD TRY OUT ON ARAB GROUP AND ON WHICH IT WOULD LIKE OUR COMMENTS:

"CALLS UPON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES TO REFRAIN FROM TRANSFERRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ANY COUNTRY IN THE REGION AND FROM ANY OTHER ACTION CONTRARY TO THE OBLIGATION THEY HAVE ALREADY ASSUMED."

3. HOVEYDA FORECAST GA APPROVAL OF DRAFT RES, WITH POSSIBLY TEN OR FIFTEEN ABSECTIONS BECAUSE OF NPT ELEMENT. HE DID NOT DISCUSS ISRAELI ATTITUDE. WE

HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN FROM ISRAELIS ANY EXPLANATION OF THEIR VIEWS BEYOND THE CAREFULLY-CHOSEN WORKD USED BY AMB. ERELL IN HIS BRIEF FIRST COMMITTEE INTERVENTION OCT. 29 WHICH BOILED DOWN TO FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) IRANS'INITIATIVE IS COMMENDABLE, BUT A CONTRACTURAL AND ABIDING PEACE BETWEEN ALL PARTIES CONCERNED IS WHAT LENDS GENUINE SUBSTANCE TO A PROPOSAL OF THIS KIND, (B) BECAUSE OF CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, THE IRANIAN AND PAKISTAN NFZ PROPOSALS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH AS ONE AND THE STATES OF THE TWO AREAS SHOULD BE INVITED TO DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES THE PREREQUISITES FOR MAKING THE PROPOSALS CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE.
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